



Fire & Life Safety Requirements for District Agricultural Association Fairs

GENERAL:

Fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable to any exhibit space, booth, trailer or tent within the fairgrounds. This list is not meant to cover all possible situations and the Promoter or Fair is responsible for adhering to all applicable regulations.

1. Plans identifying the configuration of exhibit spaces shall be submitted to the SFM for review and approval 30 working days prior to the event. Plans shall indicate the location and size of all exit doors and aisles, and shall show exhibits both inside and outside of any building. Where seating is provided, the plan shall indicate the number of rows and seats between aisles. Final approval is subject to field inspections.
2. SFM may enter any portion of any exhibit space/ booth at any time for the purpose of inspecting the premises for fire and life safety.
3. No display or exhibit shall be installed or operated that will interfere or block in any way with access to any exit or with the visibility of any exit sign. No display shall block access to fire-fighting equipment, such as fire extinguisher stations, fire alarm pull stations, fire hose cabinets and fire hydrants or access by fire suppression vehicles or equipment.
4. The location of all hydrants, fire extinguishers, water barrels, etc. shall be clearly marked in all areas.
5. The exhibition of vehicles powered by internal combustion gasoline engines inside buildings shall require the following:
 - a. Fuel tank shall be no more than 1/4 filled and the gas cap shall be taped in place to deter removal.
 - b. The battery or batteries shall be disconnected and the battery terminals taped with electrical tape.
 - c. Vehicles shall be inspected by SFM.
6. No open flame is allowed in any Fair Building.
7. Bark dust or like material shall be kept moist at all times.
8. All carpet edges shall be securely taped in place. Carpeting shall only be used on the floor.
9. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be posted. Outside Smoking areas shall be provided with appropriate non-combustible containers for ashes.
10. A housekeeping program shall be maintained and adequate noncombustible trash receptacles shall be provided in all areas and all trash will be removed on a regular basis.

BOOTH CONSTRUCTION/LOCATION:

1. Booths shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from any permanent structure. If conditions warrant, distance may be reduced as approved by the SFM.
2. All fabric or pliable canopy covers, side/back drops and decorative material must be:
 - a. Inherently fire resistive and labeled as such; or
 - b. Treated by a SFM licensed applicator. If the booth is owner occupied, it may be treated by the owner with a SFM approved fire retardant chemical (*empty can and dated sales receipt may serve as proof*).
3. Exit openings shall be a minimum of 3 feet wide and 6 feet, 8 inches in height.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

1. Know where the fire extinguisher is located and how to use it.
2. Do not leave food cooking unattended.
3. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing when cooking.
4. Keep combustibles away from heat sources.
5. In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.

ELECTRICAL:

1. Electrical extension cords shall be of the heavy-duty three-wire (grounded), hard-usage type. No two-wire extension wiring shall be allowed. All extension wiring shall be protected from physical damage and shall be limited to 20 feet in length. This shall be temporary use.
2. Electrical equipment and installation shall be inspected and approved by a qualified person or concern acceptable to the SFM.

LIVESTOCK/BARN AREAS:

1. Heat production appliances, such as space heaters, electric skillets, toasters, coffee makers, hot plates and any other appliances which may be used for cooking purposes, shall **not** be permitted in the barn or livestock areas. Electrical devices in good repair and properly maintained and used in direct connection with the care of animals may be exempt from the above.
2. Smoking shall not be permitted within the barn, stable, or livestock areas, or in exhibits using sawdust, hay or like materials on the floor.
3. The storage of flammable or combustible liquids or machines containing such shall not be permitted inside any livestock areas.
4. Fire hoses, fire extinguishers or other fire equipment shall not be used except in cases of emergency. These devices shall not be blocked or obstructed at any time.
5. The roads around the barns shall be kept clear so that fire apparatus may be able to pass through at any time. Minimum width of these roads shall be 20 feet.
6. No vehicles shall be parked in any barn or livestock areas.

RV PARKING: Fire and life safety requirements shall apply to the use or parking of recreational vehicles on undeveloped sites on the fairgrounds.

1. Plans identifying the configuration of the site shall be submitted to SFM for review and approval at least 30 days prior to site development.
2. The site shall maintain an all-weather surface with adequate roads having 20 feet minimum width for fire department apparatus.
3. A minimum of 30 feet of clearance shall be provided between the site and any adjoining fair structure or surrounding property.
4. All combustible growth shall be cleared from the site and from the property surrounding the site for a distance of at least 30 feet.
5. Painted lines, fences, posts, ropes, etc. shall be used to designate roadways from vehicle parking areas.

FOOD SERVICES AREAS: Fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable for all food services areas, including temporary concession stands inside or outside of buildings and food concession trailers.

1. The use, storage and handling of any flammable or combustible liquid shall be subject to approval by SFM. Location of use and storage of any flammable or combustible liquid shall be noted on the plans prior to approval (see General Item #1)
2. The use and storage of portable containers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) inside buildings or tents is subject to approval by SFM. Location of use and storage of any portable container of LPG shall be noted on the plans prior to approval (see General Item #1). All cylinders must be secured to prevent tipping or falling over.
3. Commercial cooking may be allowed only in approved locations with approved equipment. SFM Approval is required prior to use.

4. Cooking booths must be separated from non-cooking booths by 10 feet.
5. A California licensed company shall service all Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (Hood System) every six months. The company performing the service shall either be licensed by the SFM and possess an Automatic Systems License, or possess a C-16 license issued by the California State Contractor's Licensing Board.

Fire Extinguishers:

1. Each booth shall be provided with a minimum 2A10BC rated portable fire extinguisher.
2. Each booth with deep fat fryer shall have a Class K portable fire extinguisher.
3. All portable fire extinguishers must be serviced by a SFM licensed company annually, with a service tag attached.

Deep fat or flambé type cooking operations may require additional and/or larger units, as per the SFM. Fire extinguishers shall conform to the following:

- a. The fire extinguisher must be mounted or secured so that it will not fall over.
- b. It must be visible and accessible and away from cooking area.

Deep Fat Fry/flambé Cooking: Deep fat Frying or flambé cooking operations shall be located in a separate enclosure where only cooking operations are performed. Such enclosures shall conform to booth construction requirements as previously outlined, but the top of the enclosure shall be OPEN or, when required by the Health Department, shall be provided with METAL SCREENING with a minimum height of 7 feet.

Wood Barbecue Cooking:

1. Wood barbecue cooking is prohibited inside of booths.
2. Wood barbecue cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access.
3. Distances from wood barbecues to permanent structures or festival booths shall be as approved by the SFM.
4. Fuel wood shall not be stored inside of booths.
5. Coals shall be disposed of only in metal containers that have been designated for such use and approved by the SFM. Dumping coals in trash containers is prohibited!

Charcoal Barbecue Cooking:

1. Charcoal barbecue cooking is prohibited inside of booths or tents.
2. Only commercially sold charcoal fuel may be used.
3. Charcoal cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access and shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from any booth with a minimum of 20 feet from any permanent structure.